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# THE SPEECH OF THE Prince of Orange,

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Principle Gentlemen of *Somerſetſhire* and *Dorſetſhire*, on their coming to Joyn his Highneſs at *Exeter* the 15th of *Nov.* 1688.

THo' we know not all your Perſons, yet we have a Catalogue of your Names, and remember the Character of your Worth and Intereſt in your Country. You ſee we are come according to your Invitation aud our Promiſe. Our Duty to God obliges us to Protect the Proteſtant Religion, and our Love to Mankind, your Liberties and Properties. We expected you that dwelt ſo near the place of our Landing, would have join'd us ſooner, not that it is now too late, nor rhat we want you Military Aſſiſtance ſo mueh as your Countenance, and Preſence, to Juſtifie our Declar'd Pretentions; rather than accompliſh our good and gracious Deſigns. Tho' we have brought both a good Fleet, and a good Army, to render theſe Kingdoms happy, by Reſcuing all Proteſtants from Popery, Slavery, and Arbitrary Power; by Reſtoring them to their Rights and Properties Eſtabliſhed by Law, and by Promoting of Peace and Trade, which is the Soul of Government, and the very Life-Blood of a Nation; yet we rely more on the Goodneſs of God and the Juſtice of our Cauſe, than on any Humane Force and Power whatever. Yet ſince God is pleaſed we ſhall make uſe of Humane means, and not expect Miracles, for our preſervation and Happineſs: Let us not neglect making uſe of this Gracious Opportunity, but with *Prudence* and Courage, put in Execution our ſo honourable purpoſes. Therefore Gentlemen, Friends and Fellow-Proteſtants; we bid you and all your Followers moſt heartily Wellcome to our Court and Camp. Let the whole World now Judge, if out pretentions are not Juſt, Generous, Sincere, and above *Price*; ſince we might have, even a Bridge of Gold, to Return back; But it is our Principle and Reſolution rather to dye in a Good Cauſe, than live in a Bad one, well knowing that Vertue and True Honour is its own Reward, and the Happineſs of Mankind our Great and Only Deſign.

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